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In re Application of Dominique Dupuis) Confirmation No.: 7168
Serial No.: 10/540,783) Group Art Unit: 1755
Filing Date: March 1, 2006) Docket No.: 99342.00063
For: Method for Enhancing the Physico-Chemical Properties of Bitumen Compositions and Novel Bitumen Compositions with Enhanced Properties and Their Uses) Customer No.: 21832

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 27, 2006 for the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks set forth below.